

ABERNATHY THE HERO IN KILLING OF BANDITS

Bank Robbers in Oklahoma Take Alarm and Two Are Slain, the Third Seriously Wounded—Plan to Take Them Alive Frustrated.

ONE VICTIM WAS A BASEBALL UMPIRE

Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 31.—United States Marshal John Abernathy, Roosevelt's guide and friend, who catches wolves with his hands, and his chief deputy, Chris Madsen, were the heroes in a battle at 2 o'clock this morning in the town of Harrah, which resulted in the killing of Frank Quigg, Texas baseball league umpire, and Frank Carpenter, and the probable death from wounds of J. B. Dilbeck, who is now in the Methodist Hospital here.

The three men were carrying out a prearranged plan to rob the Harrah bank and post-office, located in the same building, when they were detected.

Harrah is on the Rock Island Railroad, midway between Oklahoma City and Shawnee.

"We got word yesterday afternoon," said Madsen, "that there was to be a holdup near Oklahoma City and to come to Oklahoma City with two Winchester. Arriving there we learned that the attempt to rob the Harrah bank and post-office had become known to Dick Leahy, a post-office inspector, and George Strubel, a plain clothes man, in the employ of the Oklahoma City Street Railway Company.

"Our party immediately went to Harrah, including Federal Marshals Abernathy and John Paul Jones, and Reno Madsen, my son, Strubel and Jim Rippey, plain clothes men of Oklahoma City, and Dick Leahy, the inspector, and Sheriff Blinn, of Oklahoma City.

"The three robbers were already at work when we reached Harrah and secreted themselves at convenient places in the building to let them get well at work and then capture them alive.

"Our plan was frustrated when a farmer boy, returning home at 2 o'clock in the morning from a country dance, came galloping down the main street of the town, yelling and singing and creating such a disturbance that the robbers left the bank and made necessary an order from us for them to throw up their hands. This they refused to do and started to run. The fusillade of shots followed.

"Two Are Killed.
"Quigg was dead when he fell face downward with a gun in his hand. Carpenter fell not far away, mortally wounded, and Dilbeck was also shot. Dilbeck had a gun and I think Carpenter did not. "It is said that two others of the robbers were on top of the bank building the purpose of standing guard and assisting the men in the bank, but they made a good getaway, and so far as I know, Quigg, Carpenter, and Dilbeck constituted the gang.

"We found the valise containing fuses and dynamite caps in the alley at the rear of the bank. Whether the men left the valise there when they ran from the bank, or intended getting it when the time came for its use inside, I do not know. By the way, there were two horse blankets in which the robbers intended carrying away their swag.
"The bodies of Quigg and Frank Carpenter were immediately removed to Oklahoma City, where Carpenter died later. Dilbeck was brought to the Federal jail here and later removed to the Methodist hospital, that an operation might be performed."

THREE KILLED IN WRECK.

Golden State Limited Is Derailed in Missouri.
Trenton, Mo., Dec. 31.—One of the worst wrecks in the history of the Rock Island Railway occurred this morning near Baker Crossing, two and a half miles north of here, when the Golden State Limited, No. 3, west-bound, going at a high rate of speed, was derailed. Three persons were killed and about twenty-five injured. The engine and two cars were destroyed by fire, and two other cars were demolished.

The dead:
Fireman O. H. LINNIGER, of Trenton; burned in his cab.
MISS GEORGETTE BARKER, daughter of Mrs. E. J. Robinson, 312 Ohio street, Kansas City. One unidentified woman, aged twenty-five, brown hair, blue eyes.
The engine and tender were turned over, while the baggage and mail car were thrown off the track ahead of the engine. The chair car was hurled from the track, turned sideways, and cast on its side. The tourist and diner were thrown off, but not turned over. They were soon on fire. Both cars were consumed before the engine from the east-bound local returned and dragged off the two other cars, the observation and a Pullman.
It was first feared that a number were hurt and burned to death in the tourist sleeper. The body of Linniger was found in the engine cab. The bodies of the two women were found under the wreckage of the chair-car.

Pensioned After Fifty Years.
Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 31.—John Shields, of Halstead, near here, who for the past fifty years has been an employee of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, gave up working for the company to-day and was retired on a well earned pension.

\$1.25 to Baltimore and Return, Baltimore and Ohio R. R. All trains both ways, both days, except Royal Limited. City offices, 147 G St. and 619 Penna Ave.

WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia—Partly cloudy to-day and to-morrow; warmer to-day; light to moderate southerly winds.

HERALD NEWS SUMMARY.

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SHARKS OPERATE IN DEPARTMENTS

Work Quietly in the Guise of "Friends."

COMMITTEE GETS NAME

Official Is Said to Use Position Against Debtors.

Men Are Shadowed by Collectors and Forced to Pay Exorbitant Fees for Small Loans Made to Them When They Are Caught in Need—Citizens' Committee Is Strengthened for War Upon Secret Sharks.

That sharks are operating among government employees in the guise of friends and squeezing them for exorbitant fees on small loans was discovered yesterday by the citizens' committee which is aiding The Washington Herald in its loan shark war.

Among them are men in official positions and professional lenders who obtain government positions for the opportunity of worming into the graces of employees who fall into need.

Their system is "catlike," and they lurk about the departments on pay days or have their collectors follow the prey through the shadows of their misfortunes.

At a meeting of the citizens' committee yesterday afternoon the secret sharks were denounced in bitter terms, and the war has been turned upon them with renewed effort.

Loans in Office Hours.
An employee of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, it was charged, has \$30,000 capital invested in the loan business; that he carries on the business in office hours, and that his rates far exceed the rates of the loan shark.

For example, this man will lend a man \$4 on Friday before pay day, for which the man will pay back \$5 on the Monday following—41 interest for the use of \$4 for three days.

The operations of a man in the Government Printing Office were described. He is a "solicitor," so-called, to a high position.

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GOVERNMENT CLERKS

DESERVE MORE PAY

With the increased cost of living, wages and salaries throughout the country have been raised. In Washington the heads of departments have been kindly dealt with, and the only class whose wages for years have been stationary is that of the underpaid government clerk.

The Washington Herald to-morrow will present facts regarding this unfortunate condition. The data will be official, and the conclusions drawn will be justified.

Although retrenchment is the policy of the present administration, it is believed Congress will enact pending measures providing for a civil service retirement fund, and will also consider the question of increased salaries for the clerical force of the national government.

Do not fail to get a copy of The Washington Herald Sunday morning; read the discussion and send in your views. Your suggestions will be given consideration and will be appreciated.

United effort will accomplish much. Be a helper in a good cause.

GOT TO GO SOME.



NOTABLES GATHER AT NEW WILLARD

Wine, Music, and Song Mark Passing of 1909.

"PEACOCK ALLEY" IN SPLENDOR

Dining Rooms Thronged with Eight Hundred People, Including Diplomats, Men of Science, Statesmen, and Social Leaders—Special New Year's Musical Programme.

The old year was hidden good-by and the new one heartily greeted amid wine, music, and song at the New Willard last night. The tables had been engaged weeks ahead, and among the diners were men of science, statesmen, diplomats, and society leaders. Eight hundred persons sat down to the tables. The Green and Red rooms having been thrown open in addition to the Palm Room.

The music was furnished by a section of the Marine Band, which was stationed on a platform in the center of the corridor, which, because of the handsome assembly of gowns and women, more than ever lived up to its name of "Peacock Alley."

While the upstairs dining rooms were crowded, the most happy and hilarious groups were gathered in the downstairs dining room, which, under ordinary circumstances, is reserved for men only. But for once, the staid management shut its eyes to rules. It was rather free fun, too, down there.

Lights Announce Event.
Promptly at midnight twelve strokes rang out from a big bell and the lights were extinguished for a few seconds. Every one rose with a full glass. Then, at the end of each room, "Happy New Year" flashed out in letters a foot high, while the band played "Auld Lang Syne."

Among those present were Commander Robert E. Peary, Mrs. Peary and her sister; Baron Ambrosy, of the Austrian Embassy; M. and Mme. E. L. Chermont, of the Brazilian Embassy; Col. and Mrs. Buckner; Maj. C. C. Arosemena, Dr. Bliss, Mrs. Bartlett, the Salvadoran Minister and Mme. Mejia, Miss Paulita Mejia, Miss Amalia Mejia, and their house guests, Misses Balz; the Third Secretary of the British Embassy and Mrs. Esmond Ovey, Peter V. De Graw and Mrs. De Graw, Mrs. George Hoover, Capt. James F. Oyster, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wardman, Mrs. Zepoun, Representative McKinley and his niece, Miss Mettles, Dr. Chisholm, Lieut. Baldrige, Mrs. Mattingly and the Misses Mattingly, Miss Almyra Sessions, Miss Besse Sessions, Miss Crawford, Mrs. Francis Moran, Dr. and Mrs. Maurice Francis Egan, Mme. Calvo, wife of the Minister from Costa Rica, and the Misses Calvo; Judge A. R. Mullyown, Baron von Hardenbroek, of the German Embassy; Henri Martin, of the Swiss Legation; Paymaster Barber, J. A. Emery, B. F. Vaughn, Samuel G. Blythe, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Becker, E. F. Caverly, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Fuller, W. B. Hibbs, Charles Jacobsen, Mrs. J. Army Moore, of New York; J. H. Stoddard, Col. H. H. Ward, Clarence F. Cobb, C. C. Billings, W. F. Daly, E. C. Quinn, J. H. Hewson, T. R. Johnson, L. A. Moore, W. A. Means, C. F. Quincy, of Chicago; Snell Smith, and D. J. Sully.

Gus Buchholz was in charge of the catering.

Trics to Freeze to Death.
Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 31.—John Koss, of Dupont, near here, was frozen to death this morning in a field, and Bernard McNulty tried to commit suicide by freezing in a cell in the police station there. McNulty broke out every pane of glass in the barred window and blocked the drainpipe so that the floor was flooded and ice formed. He was covered with ice from head to foot when found. His exposure to the cold had been so trying that his death is expected.

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BIRDS IN BALLROOM.

Dancers Catch Canaries Let Loose at Midnight.

Philadelphia, Dec. 31.—Several hundred canary birds floating through the room gave an enlivening touch to the ball which Mr. and Mrs. George Harrison Frazier gave to-night at the Bellevue-Stratford for their daughter, Miss Ellen Frazier. The birds were concealed in one of several large balls of roses, which were suspended from the ceiling.

At the stroke of midnight the balls were opened and large quantities of confetti sifted upon the dancers from the other rose balls. The canaries coming down on the heads of the dancers were caught by them and placed in beribboned cages which were ready to receive them.

MERRYMAKER BURNED

Woman Dining at Martin's Victim of Accident.

New York, Jan. 1.—A minute or two before midnight last night, when they were getting ready to celebrate the coming of the New Year at Martin's restaurant, at Broadway, Fifth avenue and Twenty-sixth street, a woman's clothes caught on fire and before the flames were extinguished she was badly burned. She is Mrs. Charles Ellis, of 210 East Fifty-sixth street.

In the main dining-room of the first floor Mrs. Ellis was dining with her father, brother, and sister, when somebody at a near-by table started to light a cigar. He scratched a match and the head flew off, landing in some flimsy hangings. This caught fire and it communicated to Mrs. Ellis' gown.

Two policemen got the flames with their gloves and in a minute or two had them out. Most of Mrs. Ellis' outer garments were burned off. The worst burns were around the neck, shoulders, and arms.

STEAMER IS ADRIPT.

The Algonquin Off Bodie Island with a Broken Shaft.

New York, Jan. 1.—A United Wireless dispatch received at 1:30 this morning states that the steamship Algonquin, of the Clyde Line, is drifting off Bodie Island, near Cape Hatteras, with a broken crank shaft.

The Algonquin left Boston yesterday morning for Galveston, Tex. This is one of the new runs of the Clyde Line.

SCORE HURT IN EXPLOSION

Crowded Railroad Station Platform Torn in Gas Blast.

Montreal, Dec. 31.—More than a score of persons were injured, some fatally, in an explosion, which occurred at 11:20 o'clock to-night at the Place Viger station here. The Quebec train was just about to pull out and the platform was thronged with people wishing the passengers good-by and a Happy New Year. A lighted cigar fell into a leaking tube underneath the platform from which the Pintach gas is fed to the trains and the explosion which followed ripped up the whole platform.

COURT SUSTAINS TAWNEY.

Minnesota Supreme Court Holds Representative Was Libeled.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 31.—The Supreme Court of Minnesota handed down a unanimous decision to-day in the case of an appeal by Representative James Tawney, chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, in a libel action against a newspaper in Mr. Tawney's district. The court held the articles complained of, which were political in their nature, to be attacks on the plaintiff and libelous per se.

The decision directly reversed that of the lower court which tried the suit. It now goes back to the lower court for retrial.

The case relates to Mr. Tawney's activity in limiting the scope of the Secret Service Bureau in the Treasury Department.

Choice Flowers for All Occasions. At Blackstone's, Floral Artists, 145 & H.

NEW YORK BANKER KILLED IN WRECK

Spencer Trask Only Victim in Crash of Trains.

EXPRESS HELD UP BY SIGNAL

Engine of Freight Plows Through Pullman, Killing One and Maiming Others—Cause of Accident Has Not Been Placed, but It Is Supposed There Was Mix-up in Signals.

New York, Dec. 31.—A man or a machine failed to work for the New York Central to-day at Croton, thirty-five miles up the road. A fast freight train, tearing for New York, with \$1,000,000 worth of silks, crashed into the rear end of the Montreal express, which had been stalled by a dead locomotive.

Spencer Trask, banker, philanthropist, and patron of art, senior partner in the firm of Spencer Trask & Co., bankers, was instantly killed, crumpled up in the drawing room of the end car of the Montreal express. Mr. Trask was the only person killed. Three were hurt, two Pullman car porters and Charles Simpson, a young man from Brooklyn.

Brakeman Is Blamed.

Bert Ritter, the brakeman of the Montreal flyer, who was sent back to fix the flat freight, is blamed for the wreck. Below insists that he had adjusted his semaphore properly and that the freight should have kept out of the block in which the Montreal express was imprisoned.

There are three sets of stories from which the railroad officials, the public service commission, and Coroner Squiers, of Westchester, are trying to pin down the responsibility. The flagman sticks to it that he did not lie down on his job, the crew of the fast freight's locomotive are positive that they obeyed the rules of the road, and the signalman is certain he did his duty. The railroad officials would make no statement fixing the cause, but one of them said that it was impossible to believe that the signals had failed to work.

Entered Wall Street.

Spencer Trask was born in New York, September 18, 1844, was graduated from Princeton and immediately entered the banking business in Wall street. He was interested in the Edison electrical enterprises and his firm has been very prominent in the street for several years. Trask was a director and president of the Broadway Realty Company and president and director of the Lake George Real Estate Company besides being heavily interested in many other corporations.

Mr. Trask was a member of the Metropolitan Union League, City Reform, National Arts, and Lawyers' clubs.

HANSEN OUT OF PRISON.

New York Lawyer Is Released from Blackwells Island.

New York, Dec. 31.—Carl Fischer Hansen, the lawyer, who ten months ago pleaded guilty to the charge of subornation of perjury, and was sentenced to serve a year in the penitentiary on Blackwells Island, was released from prison here to-day, having received a commutation for good behavior.

Fischer Hansen, who married the only daughter of Isaac V. Brokaw, was indicted April 1, 1908, on the charge of extorting \$25,000 from Joseph E. O'Brien, a Philadelphia decorator. Back of the accusation against Fischer Hansen were scandalous charges against O'Brien which the lawyer was said to have threatened to make public.

Gen. Draper Seriously Ill.

Gen. W. F. Draper, former Ambassador to Italy, is seriously ill at his home, 18 street and Connecticut avenue.

NEW YEAR FINDS CAPITAL AWAKE WITH GLAD HAND

Clangor and Festivities Mark Its Advent.

GOOD-BY FOR OLD 1909

Stroke of Twelve a City-wide Signal for Merrymaking.

Watch Night and Devotional Services Are Held at the Churches—Dances and Musical Programmes at Clubs and Hotels, and Streets Run Rife with Noise as History Changes for Another Cycle of Time.

In a gown of snow that glittered moonlit on the spires and trees, with a fanfare of bells, whistles, and trumpets, whose echoes yet are rolling back in merry jangle from the frosted hills of Old Virginia; with society balls and watch night services throughout the sleepless city, and with rough and hearty welcome, Washington jerked the new year into existence at 12 o'clock, with a glad, sad pat on the back for old 1909.

Pennsylvania avenue and other thoroughfares down town were crowded with "owls" migrating from cafe to cafe, yelling, beating pans, dragging tin cans, tooting horns, and dining with might. At various churches the more peaceful observances were largely attended. At clubs and lodge rooms entertaining programmes were given.

Gospel Mission Crowded.

From early in the evening the Gospel Mission, 1230 Pennsylvania avenue, was filled to the doors. The watch-night services started at 7:30 o'clock, and until 11:30 o'clock there was a programme of brief speeches and music. From then until midnight was devoted to a consecration service of prayer.

New Year's Day will be observed at the mission with gospel services from 10 o'clock to noon, and a public reception from 2 to 3 o'clock in the afternoon. During the day there will be a continuous service of addresses at music.

Among those who will take part in the services are H. D. Gordon, Mrs. B. K. Roberts, J. C. Muncester, Mrs. L. J. Mauro, Mrs. E. Stevens, Rev. J. M. Armstrong, T. E. Phillips, E. F. Brown, Mrs. N. J. Armstrong, B. Milstead, Miss M. Ryan, Mrs. Fred K. Beall, Mrs. A. R. Holden, W. L. Griffin, W. H. Evans, F. Bowers, Mrs. H. E. Monroe, C. C. Myers, Miss Virginia Cull, Miss Irene Gummel, H. W. Kline, W. H. Wormeely, John Gantt, W. L. Griffin, Miss Ethel Day, J. E. Cooke, Mrs. Jennie Thornton, Master Raymond Lewis, S. M. Croft, J. W. Lowen, W. H. Evans, Mrs. Ida Eberle, Saunders Gordon, George W. Wheeler, Miss Olive B. Hickman, Miss Anna E. Garland, Miss Madeline Clark, and Miss Katie Leech.

Dance at Pythian Temple.

About 100 merry couples danced the new year in at the Pythian Temple last night at the second annual ball of Woman's Auxiliary, No. 13, of Columbia Typographical Union, No. 10.

Twenty dances had been arranged, music being furnished by Caldwell's Orchestra. The feature was the Virginia Reel, which began at ten minutes to 12 o'clock. Owing to the large number of dancers on the floor, it was necessary to divide the party into several sets, the leaders of which were Mr. and Mrs. Bert V. Wolfe, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Knight, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Andrew, and Mr. and Mrs. John A. Huston.

Those who had charge of the dance were Mrs. John A. Huston, president; Mrs. R. H. Thomas, vice president, and Mrs. E. H. Thomas.

The entertainment committee was composed of Mrs. A. C. Knight, chairman; Mrs. L. C. Hoyer, assistant chairman; Mrs. S. L. Battles, Mrs. L. Cornish, Mrs. R. V. Wolfe, Mrs. E. H. Thomas, Mrs. W. H. Rowe, Mrs. S. T. Andrew, Mrs. Anna Tomlin, Mrs. Katie Humble, Mrs. C. C. Thompson, and Mrs. Isabel Hunt.

From Baltimore were present Mrs. John Hackney and Miss Ella Hackney, wife and daughter of John Hackney, of the Baltimore Sun, and Miss Clara Duennel, all of Auxiliary No. 11, of that city.

Hall Handsomely Decorated.

More than 300 persons attended the dance of Washington Aerie, No. 125, Fraternal Order of Eagles, at the Eagle Club. The hall was handsomely decorated with Christmas trees, greens, and balls, and the singing of a number of canary birds in cages hung along the walls was a pleasant feature. Music was furnished by a section of the United States Marine Band.

At 11:25 o'clock dancing ceased and for ten or fifteen minutes there was general jollification. Horns were blown, the dancers threw confetti at one another and good wishes for the year 1910 were freely exchanged. Dancing was resumed and kept up until 1 o'clock. During the evening refreshments were served in the rathskeller.

In charge of the affair were: Executive Committee—Dr. R. Arthur Hoot, chairman; George B. Haske, secretary; J. L. Feeney, J. W. Clark, C. G.

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\$1.25 to Baltimore and Return To-day and to-morrow via Baltimore & Ohio R. R.